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“Let’s Dance!” & “Inner Visions” Exhibits Bring Energy, Movement to Kentlands Mansion

Gaithersburg, MD (January 15, 2020) Gaithersburg’s *Arts on the Green* presents “Let’s Dance!” and “Inner Visions,” two art exhibits highlighting the themes of life and motion. The exhibits are on display January 17 through March 9, 2020. The public is invited to meet the artists at a free Artists Reception on Saturday, January 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. Artist Kristina Garon will lead a talk about her work in “Inner Visions” at 2 p.m. and Allen Bentley will discuss his work in “Let’s Dance” at 2:20 p.m.

To celebrate the energy and movement of these two exhibits, dance classes led by Two Left Feet will be offered in the ballroom on Saturdays, January 25 (beginner Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha Cha and Rumba) and February 29 (beginner Swing, Fox Trot and Waltz) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Open dance will follow both lessons. Admission is \$30 per person. Learn more and purchase dance class tickets [here](#).

“Let’s Dance!” features the works of Allen Bentley, who teaches figure drawing and drawing at Montgomery College. Bentley has a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Pennsylvania and has exhibited in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and San Diego. Bentley’s masterful use of positive and negative space punctuates the action taking place in his oil painted canvases, exploring the relationship of couples as they push, pull, flirt, and chase in their dances.

To enhance the theme of “Let’s Dance!,” curator Mary Weiss Waldhorn invited seven other artists who use dance in their work to be part of the exhibit, including Rocio Ayala, Lily Kak, Magruder Murray, Pritha Srinivasan, Frank Mancino, Lynne Oakes, and Lis Zadravek.

“Inner Visions” occupies the Mansion’s upstairs galleries and features the intuitive figure and semiabstract paintings of Kristina Garon, an international artist who has shown in many places around the world, from Rome and Dubai to Miami and London. She is French and Lithuanian in origin and her artist mother inspired her to become an artist as well. Garon uses the fluidity of paint to intuitively find hidden figures in her compositions. She never starts with a set idea, but lets her intuition inspire the images she will create to tell symbolic, whimsical and meaningful stories about life. She wants viewers to create worlds of their own as they look at her acrylic canvases.

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2-2-2/Kentlands Mansion Art Exhibits

Located at 320 Kent Square Road, the Mansion Gallery offers the opportunity to view art in the beautiful, timeless setting of this historic estate. Due to frequent rentals for private events, viewing hours are Monday through Friday by appointment only. Please call the Mansion at 301-258-6425 prior to your visit.

Please note that most of the artwork is for sale and all images are copyrighted by the artists. For more information, please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6350, e-mail shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov, or visit Kentlands Mansion at gaithersburgmd.gov.

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About Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Enjoy exhibits, concerts and theater performances at the [Arts Barn](#) and [Kentlands Mansion](#) and outdoor events and festivals on the park-like Green. Or join us for educational opportunities in one of our teaching studios, resident artist studios or theatre. Our historic buildings recall the charm of a bygone era, but our activities are anything but old fashioned. For more information, call 301-258-6394, find us at gaithersburgmd.gov or follows us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) @ArtsontheGreen.

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